

JR4-2-102. Drafting and prioritizing legislation.

(1) (a) Requests for legislation shall be drafted on a first-in, first-out basis.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the following requests for legislation shall be drafted before other requests for legislation when sufficient drafting information is available:

(i) a request for legislation that is prioritized by a legislator under Subsection (2); and

(ii) a request for legislation that is prioritized by the majority vote of an interim committee.

(2) (a) Beginning on the first day on which a request for legislation may be filed under JR4-2-101, a legislator may designate up to three requests for legislation as priority requests subject to the following deadlines:

(i) priority request number one must be requested on or before the first Thursday in December, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday;

(ii) priority request number two must be requested on or before the first Thursday in January, or the following business day if the first Thursday falls on a holiday; and

(iii) priority request number three must be requested on or before the first Thursday of the annual general session.

(b) A legislator who fails to make a priority request on or before a deadline loses that priority request. However, the legislator is not prohibited from using any remaining priority requests that are associated with a later deadline, if available.

(c) A legislator who begins serving after a deadline has passed is entitled to use only those priority requests that are available under an unexpired deadline.

(3) A legislator may not:

(a) revoke a priority designation once it has been requested;

(b) transfer a priority designation to a different request for legislation; or

(c) transfer a priority designation to another legislator.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall reserve as many bill numbers as necessary to allow each request for legislation that has been prioritized as permitted under Subsection (1)(b) to receive a lower bill number than on-prioritized requests.